

Assembly Bill 259

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CHAPTER 76, LAWS OF 1967

AN ACT to create 207.04 (1) (k) of the statutes, relating to free choice of doctors under accident and sickness insurance policies.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The legislature recognizes that some accident and sickness insurance policies unfairly discriminate against doctors qualified under the laws of the State of Wisconsin to perform necessary surgical and medical services. Accordingly, it is the legislature's intent that all policyholders of accident and sickness insurance be permitted a free choice of doctors.

SECTION 2. 207.04 (1) (k) of the statutes is created to read:

207.04 (1) (k) *Refusing free choice of doctors.* Refusing to provide such payment benefits for medical, surgical or other services of podiatrists as may be rendered pursuant to the laws of this state under a policy providing accident and sickness benefits for treatment of feet, including

policies under plans established pursuant to s. 148.03 (1), to the same extent as provided under the terms of the policy if rendered by a physician. This subsection does not require the refiling of any policies, and any policy issued or renewed after the effective date of this paragraph (1967) shall be interpreted as complying with this subsection.

Approved July 12, 1967.